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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TAXATION

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: March 10, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-2. Vehicles subject to registration.** -- Every motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer,  
4 pole trailer, motorized camper, tent trailer, travel trailer, pick-up coach and pick-up camper,  
5 owned by a resident of this state or partnership, firm, association, corporation or limited liability  
6 company or other legal entity authorized to do business in this state when operated or drawn upon  
7 a highway within this state for a period of thirty (30) days shall be subject to the registration  
8 provisions of chapters 3 -- 9 of this title except:

9 (a) Any vehicle operated upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of the  
10 chapters relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, lien holders, or nonresidents;

11 (b) Any vehicle which is operated upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing the  
12 highway but not along the highway from one property to another;

13 (c) Any farm vehicle whether or not of a type otherwise subject to registration under this  
14 chapter which is only incidentally operated upon a highway;

15 (d) Any special mobile equipment as defined in section 31-1-9;

16 (e) Any vehicle which is propelled exclusively by electric power obtained from overhead  
17 trolley wires though not operated upon rails.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would expand the definition of the owners of motor vehicles for registration and
- 2 property tax purposes, to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, limited liability
- 3 companies, and other legal entities which operate on state roads for more than thirty (30) days.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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